

MASSIE DECLARES FOR LOCAL OPTION

Richmond Legislator Comes Out Boldly Against State-Wide Prohibition.

SEVEN CANDIDATES SPEAK

First Rally of Campaign Held on Church Hill—Not Warmly for Mann.

In an animated speech, devoted mainly to a discussion of the liquor question, Colonel Eugene C. Massie opened his campaign for re-election to the House of Delegates before the Jefferson Ward Mann Club last night, along with six of his eight competitors.

Colonel Wingo and Captain Curtis were absent, the latter having sent a letter saying he was detained at his home by sickness. The meeting was presided over by Alderman James B. Wood, about fifty voters having been in attendance. Colonel Massie was next to the last speaker, and was the only one who referred in any way to the liquor question. He warmed up when he came to the subject, having expressed his views in favor of local option as against State-wide prohibition in no uncertain language.

No Concealments to Make. "What we need in our Legislature in these days," said Colonel Massie, "is men of action. Our fathers did well, but they did not do it all. I have no concealments to make to my fellow-citizens. If you return me to the House of Delegates, I will go there as a free independent citizen, who will refuse to be dictated to as to how he shall vote."

"I am for local option, as against State-wide prohibition. I stand on this rock, and if it is given, I am ready to go down with it. I would not vote for State-wide prohibition, because it would destroy the very principle of local option. I take my stand in this matter for what I believe to be right. I wouldn't give a rap for a man who couldn't take a temperance rally to the support of Judge Mann with Senator Lesner, of Norfolk county, president of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association of Virginia, as Mann's leader, or a Baptist minister, of Richmond, and editor of the Religious Herald, who is supporting me? I do not charge that Judge Mann has made a deal with the liquor people, for he denies that he has, though he would not ask you if it is not startling, to say the least, to see the temperance people fighting Judge Mann's battles under the leadership of the president of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association?"

At this point, he said that he had never made any declaration anywhere that could be considered to mean that he favored State-wide compulsory education. Mr. Tucker was given a rousing welcome, and his remarks were enthusiastically received.

Poor Showing for Mann. Before President Wood introduced the first speaker he asked all who would agree to vote for Judge Mann for Governor. The answer was a stand, and ten men arose and were counted by the secretary. This feature was quickly passed, as it looked as though it was something of a frost for the Noteworthy candidate in a club which was organized since he has been in the Legislature.

The remarks of Colonel Massie on the liquor question provoked much applause, his utterances on this subject having constituted the feature of the evening. He argued in favor of a tax commission, and had something to say about the Torrens system of land registration, which has been in the Legislature.

First Speaker of the evening was George McD. Blake. He announced his desire to go to the House of Delegates, declaring that if elected he would strive to properly represent the people of all the people. Mr. Blake said he was not a man with only one idea, and that he was in favor of the right of the people to manage their own affairs without outside interference.

James B. Cox, the labor candidate, followed Mr. Blake. He favored good roads, better schools, and a State primary law which would provide that the expense of elections be borne by the State.

Edwin P. Cox had a good word to say of all his competitors, indicating that he is opposed to a campaign which even partakes of the nature of mud-slinging. Mr. Cox referred to the fact that he has led the fight for several years against the liquor question, which it passed would have deprived the city of many thousands of dollars now being paid in taxes. He stood for good roads and for better schools. A letter was read from Captain John A. Curtis, in which he said he would have been present, except for the fact that he was still suffering from an attack of the gout. In this letter the veteran soldier and Democrat asked his friends in the East End not to forget him on the day of the primary.

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TUCKER AND MANN IN CLOSE FINISH

Will Take Every Advantage of the Short Time Left in Which to Fight.

Judge William Hodges Mann spent a part of yesterday at his headquarters at Murphy's Hotel, having left the city at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. He will speak in Warrenton on Monday, and will appear at several other points in the Eighth District during the week.

Mr. Tucker will go to Lovington, in Nelson county, to-morrow, where it is said that a great reception awaits him. Nelson has been one of Mr. Tucker's strongholds in all his political tribulations, and it is said now that the county will give him a rousing majority over his competitor. Nelson is conceded Tucker by the Mann managers, though they do not admit that it will give him such a majority as the Tucker people claim. On Tuesday, the Valley candidate will speak in Newport News, going from there to Norfolk on Wednesday. He will finish up the week in the Second District, and on the Eastern Shore.

There is a probability that Judge Mann will visit Richmond before the contest is over, though his campaign manager said last night that this matter had not been definitely determined. Judge Mann had no statement to give out during his stay in the city yesterday, further than that the outlook for his nomination was very bright. He did not care to make estimates of his probable majorities at this time, though Colonel Mann said he would do so later on. The finish promises to be one of the most interesting of the campaign. A State office in Virginia in many years, most of the politicians appearing to be afraid to risk any great amount of money on either side.

The Liquor Situation.

At the Temperance rally, Judge Mann with Senator Lesner, of Norfolk county, president of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association of Virginia, as Mann's leader, or a Baptist minister, of Richmond, and editor of the Religious Herald, who is supporting me? I do not charge that Judge Mann has made a deal with the liquor people, for he denies that he has, though he would not ask you if it is not startling, to say the least, to see the temperance people fighting Judge Mann's battles under the leadership of the president of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association?"

SHADOWED TWO THIEVES

S. Trainman Unaware He Was Robbed

Unaware of the fact that they were being shadowed by two officers in plain clothes, Robert Richardson and John Hill, both of whom were on duty last night, of the police, hid a half-bottle of corn liquor. Their method was facile and quick. Hill got in front of the train, and Richardson hid behind the bottle of corn liquor. The trainman was not aware of the fact that he was being shadowed, and the two thieves were able to escape without being detected.

OVERCOME BY HEAT

Three Victims, Though Temperature Was Down to Pleasant Point.

Dr. Collier, of the city ambulance corps, was called out yesterday on three heat prostrations, though the day was less hot than some days earlier in the month. The victims were a man, a woman, and a child. The man was taken to the hospital, but the woman and child were taken home. The doctor said that the victims were overcome by the heat, and that they were not in any danger of death.

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SUIT AGAINST STATE IS VALUED

Plaintiffs Will Not Receive Sum of \$172,358.26 Claimed by Them.

MONEY FOR WAR OF 1812

Court Holds Settlement Due to Services of Daniel, Martin, Montague and Dew.

By the opinion of Judge R. Carter Scott, sitting in special session of the City Circuit Court, handed down yesterday morning, the suit styled Green and Parker against Morton Marye, Auditor of Public Accounts, State of Virginia, was invalidated, and the plaintiffs will not receive the sum of \$172,358.26, claimed for alleged services in collecting a debt against the United States, ensuing from money loaned to the government by Virginia for the conduct of the War of 1812, the court holding that money formerly owned by the State, to the nation had counterbalanced the old debt, and that the adjustment had been brought about by the earnest and faithful efforts of United States Senators Daniel, Martin, Montague, and John G. Dew, Second Auditor.

Bernard P. Green and John A. Parker were employed by the State of Virginia to recover and obtain payment of the debt in favor of the Auditor of Public Accounts, the same to be paid in money; and they were to receive 10 per cent. of any sum of money collected by them.

But Congress never appropriated any sum for the payment of the debt, the claim being only that of the United States against Virginia. This being true, the court was of the opinion that nothing was due in the shape of commissions, and the suit was dismissed.

NEEDS

The history of the debt is of the greatest interest, going back, as it does, to the days of 1812, when the United States, then but barely from under the thrall of England, conducted its final war against the mother country. The nation's government found itself in financial straits, and money was borrowed freely to carry on the war. Virginia loaned the parent government over \$1,500,000, and it was the principal and interest on this loan that the State was to recover. The principal and interest were to be collected, and the General Assembly of Virginia passed an act providing for the remuneration of the agents. But in the year of the building of the Washington Monument Virginia loaned the United States, and the principal and interest on this loan were to be collected, and the General Assembly of Virginia passed an act providing for the remuneration of the agents. But in the year of the building of the Washington Monument Virginia loaned the United States, and the principal and interest on this loan were to be collected, and the General Assembly of Virginia passed an act providing for the remuneration of the agents.

BUSY WEEK FOR COUNCIL

Committee Meetings to Be Held Every Night Except Saturday.

This will be a busy week with City Council, as the following meetings are scheduled for every night except Saturday. The meetings are as follows: Monday—Printing and Claims and Finance Committees, at 8 o'clock. Tuesday—Electricity, at 8; Forms of Government, at 9. Wednesday—Streets and Local Assessments, at 8 o'clock. Thursday—Water, at 8 o'clock. Friday—Markets, at 7:30 o'clock. St. John's Burying Ground, at 8 o'clock.

STUDYING CONCRETE WORK

City Engineer and Members of Committee on Street and Sewerage, N. J. City Engineer Charles E. Bolling, Assistant City Engineer Jackson Bolton, and the members of the committee, are studying the concrete work in that city in order to be the better able to conduct the work here. They will return to-day. The members of the committee left Wednesday morning, and have visited Washington, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Del., and New York City.

Building Permits.

Building permits were granted yesterday by Inspector Beck as follows: To H. F. Waldrop, to build a two-story brick stable in the rear of 202 West City Street, cost, \$1,500. To R. A. Patterson Tobacco Company, to erect a one-story brick addition in the rear of 111 South Seventh Street, cost, \$1,500. To R. E. L. Thorpe, to erect an addition to the side of the frame dwelling, 219, East City Street, cost, \$80.

Governor Leaves for White.

Governor Walter H. Swanson left yesterday for the White Sulphur Springs, where they will spend several weeks. The Governor spent the morning in his office, winding up all official matters that appeared imperative to him. He will keep in the city until the day of his departure. He will be in the office during the Governor's absence.

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MAY OPEN PARK ON BELLE ISLE

Believed Now That Railway Company Will Connect Petersburg and Ashland Lines.

WOULD BE NATURAL LINK

Pleasure Resort Out in James River Regarded as a Possibility Now.

Although the plans for rebuilding the bridge connecting the city with Belle Isle will not be determined until Frank Jay Gould arrives here from New York, much credence is placed in the statement that a railway link will be built to connect the Ashland and Petersburg lines, both of which are owned and operated by the Gould interests. More interesting, however, than the actual building of a bridge is the report and suggestion that Belle Isle may be opened as a pleasure park without disturbing the industrial plants which are located there. It was pointed out yesterday that there is ample area for a park, the island occupying about fifty acres. There could not be a more delightful spot for a pleasure resort in or around the city. With the plans now under way for the consolidation of Richmond and Manchester, this half-way point would be equally attractive to the people of both cities—soon to be one—and the railway line would naturally afford greater movement of traffic between the two sides of the river.

Natural Way Across.

From the Petersburg car line and the connecting road would strike near Laurel Street in Richmond, and would lead out over to Broad, where the Ashland and Petersburg lines are a valuable and important property has long been recognized, the riparian rights there being the main asset.

"I believe it wholly within the bounds of reason to suppose that the Goulds and the street car company will take kindly to this park idea," said a business man yesterday. "It is almost necessary that they make a physical connection between the Ashland and Petersburg lines, which would have to stretch over Belle Isle. Think of a fine park out there surrounded by water. There would be nothing like it, and it would be a paying proposition from the start."

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WISE ONES PICK TEAM TO PLAY BALTIMORE COUNCIL

Lower Branch Here Gets Challenge From Oriole Lawmakers, Though There May Be Difficulty in Selecting Nine—Umlauf and Pollock Tentative Battery.

President Peters, of the Common Council, met last night with the president of the Baltimore Council, in which the Oriole lawmakers practically issued a challenge for a ball game, the time and place to be decided by the local aggregation. President Peters will present the challenge to the lower branch at the August meeting, and some of the members are inclined to accept.

Having been impressed by the fast work of Republicans and Democrats in Congress, the lesser lights of the little sporting world of Baltimore believe the game would make a hit either here or in Baltimore, but as Richmond has the answer, the event will be pulled off in this city if it is pulled off at all.

Just what will do the heavy work for the locals has not been determined, though it was suggested yesterday that Brother Umlauf, of Clay, would probably be put in the box, with Gilbert Pollock behind the bat, provided he can get over to Mr. Umlauf's curves. Councilman Garber will hold down the initial bag, as the sporting writers say when they want to flourish a little vocabulary, and then Councilman Ferguson will swing on to the second base, with the third base being held by the local aggregation. The fielders will be Councilmen Richards, Tucker and Rollard, President Peters having expressed a desire to stay on the coaching line.

If Mr. Umlauf can deliver the goods he will have a fine inning, though it is his wing becomes weak Morgan Mills will step into the box and shoot into Catcher Pollock all that is coming to him. Should the game be played for charity, charity will get its money early in the game, in case of a storm.

While there are good possibilities of a game, the Councilmen are sadly in need of practice, and about the only way they can get it is to stack up against the Board of Aldermen or the Committee on Relief of the Poor.

As a good many suggestions were offered, it was thought that the Council nine might play Perry Lipe's Colts, the winner to go after that Baltimore scalp. There is also a possibility of picking a couple of teams from the lower branch, although one would have to be known as the Scrubs, and there might be trouble before the designation is applied.

What form this charity will take is another problem. It might be used as a jimmy to help open the playgrounds, or it might be put forth to make the three Bridges a little better. The deal was made at the report last night that the fund would be applied to the Home for Overworked Parkkeepers.

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EDITOR JACKSON ANSWERS KOINER

Denounces as False Latter's Statement That Southern Planter Was Subsidized.

THEN ASKS SOME QUESTIONS

Declares That Commissioner Did Not Stop Payment and Explains Its Object.

In answer to a communication signed by Commissioner of Agriculture Koiner and printed in the Staunton Daily Leader, under date of July 14, J. F. Jackson, editor of the Southern Planter, made public yesterday a letter written to Mr. Koiner, in which he brands as absolutely false the charge that the Southern Planter had formerly received a subsidy of \$500 annually from the State Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Koiner stated in his letter that Editor Jackson's newspaper had opposed his nomination because he, as commissioner, had stopped the payment of the alleged subsidy. Mr. Jackson explains for what reason the money was paid, and raps the commissioner rather sharply.

The